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Carnival Attendance Breaks All Records

SNOW TRAINS AND AUTOS BRING THOUSANDS

Queen's Ball Largest In History

The crowd that invaded Grayling over the week end eclipsed in number any event in the history of the city, according to estimates of some of our citizens. It is estimated to have been somewhere between fifteen and twenty thousand, and on Saturday night sleeping places were at a premium, with hotels and private homes crowded. And on Sunday with the arrival of three snow trains—one carrying Saginaw and Bay City people, and two with Detroit crowds—the city was nilled to overflowing.

All were bound for Grayling's Winter Sports park, two miles west of the city. While ordinary

travel can make a trip to the park and return easily in 15 minutes, on Sunday, because of the heavy traffic, it took nearly an hour.

At the park everything was humming with activity. On Saturday there were ice athletic contests, results of which appear elsewhere in this paper. Besides there were exhibitions of fancy and speed skating and ski jumping by professionals engaged for the purpose of entertaining the crowds.

The banquet given at Shoppenagons Inn Friday night in honor of the Queen and her court had a large crowd in attendance. Also the Press "stag" banquet at the Inn Saturday night had a crowded attendance and it was one of the liveliest affairs of the week.

The Queen's ball at the school gym had the biggest crowd that that event ever entertained, and it was a very delightful and pleasant affair.

Among the newspaper men present during the carnival were Glenn MacDonald, managing editor; Robert Wood, state editor; Mr. Birge (Finn), columnist, and Helen Bradley, woman's page editor, all of the Bay City Times; Kellogg Patterson, Chicago representative for the Cincinnati Times-Star, Louisville Journal and the Kansas City Star; and reporters for several international news-gathering agencies. Former State Senator and editor of the Chesaning Argus Chet Howell and his family of Chesaning, Herman Muellerweiss of Sebewaing, Nelson Brown, of Mason, were among some of the weekly press visitors.

Conspicuous among the crowd was a Pathé News photographer who made a fine motion picture record of the Saturday and Sunday activities.

Queen's Banquet Opens Carnival

Friday evening the Queen's banquet officially opened the carnival for 1936.

The queen, Miss Virginia Skingley, and her court received the guests in the Shoppenagons Inn lobby and then passed into the dining room where they were seated at two long tables very attractively decorated with bouquets of pine bows and snow-covered branches that gave the tables a winter appearance.

Mr. Roy Trudgen welcomed the guests and then called on secretary Charles Moore to officially welcome those present. Impromptu remarks were made by Ben Wright, Bay City; Dr. C. R. Keyport, Mr. Kellogg Patterson, Chicago; and Dr. C. G. Clippert. Mrs. Cora Schreuer, queen

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Judge Geo. Sorenson Died Wednesday

WAS ONE OF GRAYLING'S OLDEST BUSINESS MEN

After an illness of about two weeks, George Sorenson, judge of probate or Crawford county, and furniture dealer and undertaker, passed away at his home at about 10:00 a. m. Wednesday.

He had been suffering from heart trouble, and for the past two years hadn't been in very good health.

The news of Judge Sorenson's death was a shock to the people of this community where he had been so well known for nearly 50 years.

Mr. Sorenson was born in Falster, Denmark, February 13, 1843, and was one of 11 children. When he was a mere child he came to America with his mother and other members of the family. They came directly to Grayling joining the father Severin Sorenson and the older sons who had come here previously and established their home. When he was old enough he started working in the local lumber mills. His brother the late James, had started in business for himself in a small stationery store in conjunction of which he also handled ice cream, cigars and candy. In 1902 when James bought out the Collin Wight confectionery store, where Oaf Sorenson & Sons now operate a similar business. George became interested in the business and the two brothers formed a co-partnership and they continued business together until James passed away in March, 1932.

They continued in the confectionery business until 1906 when they bought out the furniture business of Braden & Forbes, who operated in the building next door. Forming the business firm of Sorenson Bros. at that time the business was known as that until after the partner James had passed away. Since then Mr. Sorenson was associated in business by his sons Thorwald and Alfred.

In 1898 Mr. Sorenson became a registered undertaker and had been the only one that Grayling had known since that time. He had endeared himself to many families by his courteous service and kind sympathies in their times of bereavement. He associated the undertaking business nicely with the furniture business and in late years his son Thorwald has been an able assistant.

He finished out a term as

fire at about 5:00 o'clock this morning was rapidly eating its way into the Mrs. N. P. Olson building and stock and fixtures of the C. W. Olsen drug store. Apparently the fire started in a storage room at the rear end of the building.

Flames soon gutted the back rooms where most of the pharmaceuticals are kept and then raced upstairs where Mr. Olsen made his home. The latter was awake at about 4:00 a. m. and at that time noticed nothing wrong. In less than an hour later he again awoke and found his room filled with smoke.

He raced to the exit but the stairs were so hot and smoke so dense that he returned to the front end of the building where he called from a window for help. Firemen had to assist him down a ladder. It all happened so quickly that Mr. Olsen had no opportunity to save any of his personal belongings except a pair of trousers and sweater that he put on over his pajamas.

Even he was in his bare feet when he reached the sidewalk. Accepting the loan of a pair of artics he went to the Hanson restaurant where he waited until he could secure apparel from the Mercantile Co. store.

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the firemen plenty of trouble. The interior seemed to be all afame and was a veritable inferno. Just about all the stock and fixtures of the store were destroyed or badly damaged. All of Mr. Olsen's personal belongings were consumed. He carried insurance amounting to about \$8,500, which is expected will nearly cover the loss. We understand that there was no insurance on the building.

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Photo by Courtesy Bay City Daily Times.

Virginia Skingley—1936 Carnival Queen.

Harold Skingley, with fatherly pride, came forward and presented the queen-daughter with a large bouquet of blue carnations. The ceremony was very pretty and was a fine feature for such an occasion. Dr. Keyport then announced that dancing would continue with the queen and her court and their escorts leading.

The ball was one of the most delightful affairs of the Carnival and the ball committee, together with the Queen's committee, of which Mrs. Adolph Peterson was chairman, deserve great credit for its success.

Highway Commissioner Crowns Queen

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

You came here tonight to pay your respects to royalty and dance perhaps to the rhythmic swing of "The Music Goes Round and Round." Instead, you must listen to a speech by your state highway commissioner.

Ordinarily, such a situation

judge of probate succeeding the late Oscar Palmer and he has been continuously reelected as probate judge for four successive terms, having served in that office for about twenty years.

On June 15, 1910 he was united in marriage to Anine Johnson, who with the one daughter Mrs. Jerome Kesseler and three sons, Thorwald, Alfred and Kieth, all of Grayling, survived. Also one sister Mrs. Waldemar Jenson, and a brother, Rudolph Sorenson, of Grayling. He was a member of the local Odd Fellows, Loyal Order of Moose lodges and of the Kiwanis club.

Mr. Sorenson was one of Grayling's best known and highly respected citizens. Throughout the nearly fifty years of business life in Grayling he had borne a reputation for industry, dependability and integrity, which at no time during his career was ever questioned. He was a fine citizen, an exemplary husband and father. In his official capacity as judge of the probate court he proved a capable, fair-minded and able executive.

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Alpena H. S. Bows To Grayling H. S.

DRIVES AUTO ONTO TOBOGGAN SLIDE

Tau Deracker, 25, of Kawatin, is in Mercy Hospital suffering with a compound fracture of one ankle, and a slight fracture of the other, as a result of an accident at the Winter Sports toboggan slides Sunday afternoon. And Miss Agnes Hanner of Linwood received severe bodily bruises.

The accident occurred when Robert Uhl of Mt. Pleasant drove his auto upon the toboggan slides at the Winter park just as a toboggan on which Deracker and Miss Hanner was coming down the icy incline. There was no way to avert a crash and it resulted in the accident as related above.

The first quarter gave all indications that the game was going to be closer than it really was. Two quick baskets by Chalker and Lovely gave the homesteaders the lead early in the opening period but Alpena came right back with a tally to make the score 4-2. The team from upstate added one from the free throw line and a counter from mid-court while the Snow Show boys garnered three more two-pointers to make the standings at the rest period Grayling, 10; Alpena, 5.

By working their plays to perfection and mixing in a fast break now and then the locals added seven points to their total, while holding the visitors to six points in the next quarter.

In the third period Grayling ran circles around the Alpena squad and scored another seven points to one lone tally for the opponents. The homesteaders feeling they had the game sewed up slackened their pace a little too much in the final stanza and allowed Coach Hastie's men to run things. It was in this go that Alpena really played the brand of ball they are noted for. They got down to work and played hard to win, but they couldn't quite overcome Grayling's lead although they did outscore them 10-5.

The final score was 29-22 in Grayling's favor and everyone agreed that it was a good game.

Houghton Lake took the second team into camp to the tune of 14-9.

Grayling—29.

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FT FT Pts.

Lovely, rf 6 2 14

Smock, lf 3 2 8

Borchers, c 0 1 1

Dunham, c 0 0 6

Chalker, rg 3 0 6

Brady, lg 0 0 5

Total 12 5 29

Alpena Central—22 FT FT Pts.

Patriot, rf 1 2 4

Witkowski, lf 0 0 4

Ney, c 3 2 8

Kinniball, c 0 0 6

Berg, rg 2 1 5

Meharg, lg 0 0 5

Newhouse, lg 2 1 5

Arnold, lg 0 0 0

Total 8 6 22

By periods—

Grayling 10 7 7 5-29

Alpena 5 6 2 10-32

FT FT Pts.

Patriot, rf 1 2 4

Witkowski, lf 0 0 4

Ney, c 3 2 8

Kinniball, c 0 0 6

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1936

SOME of our young Boy Scouts and other lads of Grayling have been fine about helping out at the Winter park whenever requested, and on days when there have been large crowds of outsiders using the toboggan slides and skating rinks, our boys have held back in order to give the visitors preference. However on week-days and nights when they find that they can't skate and slide because the places are being sprinkled or otherwise being repaired, they are wondering if the park is being maintained for outsiders only. We say the boys are right about it. They should have times set aside for their use and also be permitted to use the park just as much as possible. And we would like to see some kind of arrangements made whereby transportation to and from the park may be provided for young boys and girls who have no way of their own for getting there. Grayling business men and others are contributors toward the upkeep of the park and we are sure it would be their wish that our own youngsters be given equal chance with outsiders. Our zeal for hospitality to outsiders perhaps has unintentionally obscured our thoughtfulness for the youth of our own town. No one person is to blame and we are sure this condition hasn't been deliberate, but instead, is unintentional neglect on the part of the Winter Sports Association members. Let's have a place on the schedule for our own boys and girls too. We feel certain that this condition will be remedied just as quickly as possible.

C. C. C. EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR MARRIES

Miss Mildred E. Torongo, a teacher at Sibley school, Grand Rapids, and Leslie B. Merritt, educational adviser at Camp Higgins Lake, CCC Co. 672, were married by Dr. Helsley at Kline Chapel, East Congregational church in Grand Rapids, Saturday morning, January 25.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Torongo of Cadillac. Mr. Merritt has been at the Higgins Lake camp since March, 1934. He is a graduate of Western State Teachers College, Kalamazoo, receiving his B.A. degree in 1928, and has done graduate work at the University of Michigan. He has taught school several years at Clarksville and Battle Creek. Sunfield, Michigan, is his home town.

The bride has also attended the Kalamazoo normal and previous to her work in Grand Rapids taught at the Lakeview school in Battle Creek.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers, brother-in-law and sister of the bride. After a wedding breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Merritt left for Chicago to spend a honeymoon. They will make their home in Grayling.

Still fifty dollars is not prohibitive for a boondoggler to pay for his lunch.

Religion In Life

Musings of a Minister
By Edgar Flory

Nineteen hundred years ago Jesus of Nazareth called a little child to him and his disciples and said among other things: "But whosoever shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

These words burn our minds and hearts whenever we view the sufferings and privations of children. Few ordinary persons would willingly injure a child, yet how often we offend them unknowingly. Who would deprive a child of his toys? Yet we subscribe to practices which take away his food. The curse of divorce, war, unemployment, low wage and human exploitation falls heavily upon children. They are the victims of injustice and maladjustment.

We think of infanticide, child marriage and the starvation of children in Asia and are reminded of the torture of children's bodies, minds and spirits in our own land.

I wish every one, especially all those who pray to a Heavenly Father, could know what is happening to underprivileged children right here in the United States. A letter recently received from Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York tells of heart-breaking conditions among children in the Southern mountains. He said: "I feel the situation keenly because I know that hunger, rags and cold breed crime even among children of God-fearing parents." From field reports of the Save the Children Fund we read: "Children in rags. They claim all they have is flour. Nothing to go with it." "Rows of tumbled down houses—you wonder how people can live in them, but they do. Countless numbers of ragged, barefoot children, fathers and mothers with tense, distressed faces." To the question, "Why are these children not in school?" the answer is: "They have no shoes, clothes, or books." The rags and patches rival the early days of Russia. These reports tell of mountain school teachers who like this one says, "I cannot eat my own lunch and look into the faces of such hungry children."

In the face of this crying need we allow food to be dumped and destroyed, wheat, cotton and corn crops curtailed, hogs to be destroyed.

On my desk are pictures sent by the National Child Labor Committee of child laborers at their tasks: children at work in cotton mill, mine, sawmill, sweat shop. These children should be in school. Men stand idle while children work. Since the demise of the NRA, child labor is becoming more alive. (The Committee says: "In one Southern state, within three months after the codes were invalidated, there was a noticeable return of child laborers of 14 and 15 years of age to textile mills, despite the conscientious efforts by the State Labor Department to persuade employers to hire adults instead of children. This Committee, last summer, found children from 10 to 14 years old illegally employed in dilapidated silk mills in New Jersey. The tragedy is that it is not just the return of a child here and there to the industry! They are returning in numbers in many places. In New York City 4,610 work permits were given to 14 and 15 year old children in September, October and November this year as compared with only 1,252 last year, almost four times as many.")

Realizing the injustice done children by child labor, some

years ago Congress passed a law prohibiting child labor, but the Supreme Court of the United States declared the law invalid. An amendment to the constitution is now being ratified by the states, 24 thus far having voted favorably. But this has taken years. It will be two years more before the legislatures meet in all those states which thus far have not taken action. Meanwhile the children suffer.

We are shocked—and rightly so—when the child of a reknowned citizen is kidnapped and killed, but what do we do when thousands of children die annually of neglect and want-of-preventable sickness and malnutrition?

The underprivileged child can be found not only in the mountains of the South, but within our own community. Sometimes the parents are to blame, sometimes other people, sometimes circumstances. But are the children ever to blame?

What can we do about it? I cannot give my answer today. Do you have answer?

South Side Locals

Byron Randolph spent Thursday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barber in Bay City.

Earl Gierke, of McBain, was in town Saturday to visit at his home and take in the carnival. Joseph Pentrack and Ed Schumann, and a party of friends spent the weekend at the home of Frank LaMotte.

Mrs. Peter Larson returned home Saturday after spending a week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry Aldrich, at Boyne City.

Bobby Weaver, of Gaylord, spent the weekend visiting at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Fred Tatro.

Miss Irene Randolph had as

her dinner guest, Sunday, Stanley Stephan, of Saginaw, who

came on the snow train.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Robarge enjoyed a visit from Mr. and Mrs. J. Hudson and daughter, of East Tawas, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fairfield and family, also of East Tawas.

Elwood Robarge, who is employed at Flint, accompanied by his cousin, Miss Marcella Warner, spent the weekend visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Robarge.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Randolph enjoyed a visit from the latter's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. William Turner, of Vanderbilt, who attended the winter sports activities.

In honor of the birthday an-

niversary of Frank Williams,

a group of his friends met at his home. Wednesday evening,

Games were enjoyed after which a delicious lunch was served.

Frank received many nice gifts.

Mrs. Clare Valentine, of Atlanta, is here at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence VanAmberg, coming to consult a physician. Mr. Valentine accompanied her here, Sunday.

June Doroh, Ann Bidvia, David Miller, Edwina Mae Simpson, Elaine Broadbent, Ruth Chappel, Mildred Smith, Herbert McDonald, Richard Nelson, Gerald Worden, Gwen Ahman, Teddy Bennett, Jacqueline Harwood, Beverly Peterson, Betty Lee Valad, Betty Jane Smith, Burton Peterson, Robert Ryan.

Wanda Kolka, Ruth Benware, Helen May, Bernita DeLaMater, Marie LaMotte, Yvonne Brady.

**Wetomachick
CAMP FIRE GIRLS**

The Wetomachick Camp Fire Girls held their first Council Fire at the home of Mary Jane Joseph on January 24. There were seventeen present.

After responding to the call of "Wohelo" the girls marched single file and formed a semi-circle before the flaming fire place. The girls gave the hand sign, repeated the Woodgatherer's Desire and then Carol Case lighted the light of "Work."

Mary Jane Joseph the light of "Health" and Joyce Heath the light of "Love."

Each girl gave her Camp Fire name and explained why she chose it, and then the symbol of each girl was displayed. Mrs. Flory told of what Camp Fire had meant to one woman who wrote about it in the February Forum magazine. The girls sang "America the Beautiful" after which the Council Fire ended.

Mary Jane Joseph then served apples and the girls talked of beautiful things they had seen during the past week.

Betty Christianson is able to attend our meetings again. We are happy to have her.

We hope soon to learn the Camp Fire songs so we may sing them at our meetings.

Mrs. Flory closed our meeting till January 31, at her home. Reporter, Mildred Craft.

BEAVER CREEK LAD SUCUMBS TO PNEUMONIA

John Kirsh, age 15 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirsh, passed away at his home Friday from pneumonia. The boy had long been a sufferer of asthma and he contracted pneumonia, passing away after a week's illness. John attended the Love school where he was loved by his teacher and schoolmates. However, at Christmas time he was compelled to give up his studies because of illness.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the home, Rev. Edgar Flory officiating. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

Surviving besides the parents is one sister, Margaret.

Don't DAY-DREAM while driving.

SCHOOL NEWS

Notes
The Hot Lunch club did not serve lunches last week because of exams.

The Public Speaking club is now studying Parliamentary law.

The World History students are taking up the Napoleonic Period.

In American History class the students are studying the Civil War Period.

Mr. Poor reports that there are fewer failures in school this year than last, and also that fewer students failed in more than one subject.

The Commercial Arithmetic class has completed its course in arithmetic and will now take up a course in commercial geography.

This semester the Seniors will take Civics. Last semester they took a course in Economics.

Professor Henderson Speaks In High School Assembly.

Monday afternoon the high school assembly heard Prof. J. W. Henderson, of the University of Michigan Extension Department, lecture on "How to Study."

He emphasized major faults of the average student and gave ways of correcting these.

This was a timely subject as we are all interested in starting out the new semester by being better students.

Prof. Henderson was brought to Grayling by the Woman's Club. He also spoke at the Michelson Memorial church on Monday evening.

Red Wings' Leading Team

In the intramural teams formed of boys in the four upper grades, the Red Wings, captained by Howard Smock, is the leading team with four victories and no defeats.

The team is made up of the following boys: K. Peterson, F. Westerholm, B. Morris, D. Coutts, E. Martin.

There are three teams in the league. They play every Monday night. Ed. Chalker is the official referee.

ORGANIZING NEW CLASSES IN PIANO

New classes in piano for beginners and advanced pupils are beginning next week at Grayling school. Anyone wishing to enter may do so by filling out an enrollment card or seeing Miss Nelson, the instructor.

The following students began the visual class piano lessons at the first of the year and are becoming very fine pianists. Just ask them to play for you and you'll find out it's true.

Wanda Doroh, Elaine Wythe, Thehma Papendick, Laura Rasmussen, Yetie Stephan, Joyce Heath, Alma Bidvia, Ella Mae Ingalls, Elene Swarthout, Leone Jorgenson, R. Ann Kornosky, Edwin Funk, Aileen Larson.

June Doroh, Ann Bidvia, David Miller, Edwina Mae Simpson, Elaine Broadbent, Ruth Chappel, Mildred Smith, Herbert McDonald, Richard Nelson, Gerald Worden, Gwen Ahman, Teddy Bennett, Jacqueline Harwood, Beverly Peterson, Betty Lee Valad, Betty Jane Smith, Burton Peterson, Robert Ryan.

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Womans Club
The Woman's Club sponsored a lecture by Prof. W. D. Henderson of the University of Michigan Extension Bureau, Monday evening at Michelson Memorial church.

Prof. Henderson was introduced by Rev. Edgar Flory. His address on the "Power of Personality" was so intensely interesting that the audience were loath to hear the finish. This was Prof. Henderson's fifth appearance in Grayling and we hope not his last.

The Club wishes to thank everyone who assisted them in making the Queen's ball and banquet a success during the Winter Sports Carnival.

MEN WANTED—To cut 8-foot bolts. Phone 97-F4. Mrs. Henry Stephan.

WE PAY HIGHEST prices for timber—Jackpine, spruce, balsam, tamarack, hemlock, cedar, norway and white pine pulp or building logs. Will buy on stump or as cut in woods. Pulp delivered in cars at our factory \$5.50 per 4-ft. cord (peeled). \$5.15 per 4-ft. cord (peeled). Building logs delivered at our factory up to 3 cents per linear foot. Communicate with us for contract. Phone Grayling 162. National Log Construction Co., Grayling, Mich.

STOMACH ULCER, GAS PAINES, indigestion victims, why suffer? For quick relief get a free sample of Udgia, a doctor's prescription at Olsen's Central Drug Store.

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, January 20, 1913

John LaMotte is steadily improving, and will soon be able to leave Mercy Hospital.

A bill has been offered in this legislature calling for a fish hatchery to be located in this county.

Miss Edna McCullough left for West Branch yesterday, for a two weeks visit with relatives and friends.

Frank Ahman's baby was taken from Mercy Hospital Tuesday and is well again after an attack of pneumonia.

Miss Olga Peterson returned Friday from a very enjoyable three weeks visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Collins, at Linden.

Miss Agnes Hanson, who is teaching at Mt. Pleasant, arrived Saturday, and remained over Sunday at her home here. She attended the annual Danish dance, given last Saturday night, and returned to her school Monday.

There was a little excitement last Sunday evening just as people were on their way to church, when one of the chimneys of the M. Simpson residence burned out.

The annual meeting of the Northern Michigan Development Bureau was held in Bay City last week Wednesday. Every county was represented except one, about 50 directors being present besides many other boosters from all parts of the territory. The meeting was one of the best ever had. J. R. Snoddy, of Onaway, was elected president; George Harting, of Bay City, vice-president; Marius Hanson of Grayling, Treasurer. J. J. Collen and Marius Hanson represented Crawford County at the meeting.

On Thursday evening January 23, Miss Anna Jenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jenson, became the bride of Mr. Earl Kidd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kidd, of Bay City. Rev. V. J. Hufton officiated.

Miss Hattie Gierke was absent from the telephone office the latter part of the week on account of illness.

Mrs. E. R. Clark of the south side was taken to Mercy Hospital Saturday afternoon, where she is receiving medical treatment.

Tomorrow night is the "J" Hop at the opera house. The Juniors are planning a pretty party and no doubt they and their invited friends will make the event a merry one.

Mrs. T. W. Hanson entertained about twenty of her friends at a Thimble party on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Marguerite Bourrass, of Port Austin, arrived Saturday afternoon and is the assistant in the high school, having commenced Monday. Miss Lillian Bates also started teaching the second grade, this week being the beginning of the second semester.

James Thompson, who for the past two years has been station agent at the M. & N. E. railroad in this city, has resigned his position and accepted appointment of deputy game warden from State Game Warden Oates.

Ebenezer Olson, Emil Kraus and Lon Collen are attending the auto show at the Wayne Gardens in Detroit, this week.

Ira Leonard, of the South Side accidentally had his mouth torn at the Dowel factory Saturday afternoon while at work. He was

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FREDERIC SCHOOL

Boys Basketball Schedule
February 1—Open.
February 14—Wolverine—There.
February 21—Gaylord—There.
February 28—Open.

Basketball

The Frederic boys' and girls teams added another victory to their credit last Tuesday, Jan. 21, when the girls defeated the St. Mary's girls from Gaylord, winning by a score of 10-8. The first team boys played the Alba boys and won by a score of 5-3. Both of these games were very exciting and close all the time but the Frederic teams were not out of the lead at any time. Alba did not bring a second team so the third game of the evening was played between the Frederic Independents and the Bon Ton Bakers of Traverse City. The locals were defeated by a score of 34 to 23.

Friday night, Jan. 24, Frederic high school teams went to Johannesburg. The first game of the evening was played by the Frederic girls and the Johannesburg girls. It was a very close and exciting game, Johannesburg finally emerging victorious by a score of 23-22. This was the first game the Frederic girls have lost this year so was rather hard to take. The boys' reserve teams played next. It looked very bad for the Frederic boys as the half ended 10-0 in favor of Johannesburg. They made it very interesting in the last half however, but were unable to put it quite over and Johannesburg won by a score of 9-12.

The second game was played by the first string boys of both schools. Frederic got off to a bad start in this game also, letting their opponents get four points in the first few minutes of play. They quickly rallied however and before the quarter ended were leading. They never lost that lead during the remainder of the game. The score at the end of the fourth period was Johannesburg 13, Frederic 23. The game was really more exciting than the score may indicate.

Mrs. A. M. Lewis and Miss Edith McPhee, who had been visiting at the homes of their parents in Newberry, since before the holidays, returned to Grayling last Friday night.

N. P. Olson has sold his double-deck auto tally-ho to persons in Saginaw.

School Notes (23 years Ago)

Fifteen beginners entered the first grade on Monday.

The fourth grade began work the second semester with an enrollment of forty-one.

The third grade enrolled fifty-two pupils Monday morning; twenty-six boys and twenty-six girls. There are thirty-five pupils in the B class and seventeen in the A class.

High school classes have resumed regular work after semester examinations. It is with much pleasure we note few tardies. A little more earnest effort will eliminate tardies entirely.

Those of the third grade pupils neither absent or tardy during the semester were: Theodore Sivars, George VanPatten, Earle Nelson, Earle Frary, Isla Jones, Lillian Doroh, Janet Matson, and Clara Madson.

A party of girls and boys with Misses Jones, Magnant and Murray as chaperones, enjoyed a sleighride out to Mortenson's farm home in Beaver Creek Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Mortenson are so hospitable that a jolly good time is always had at their home.

Lovells Locals (23 Years Ago)

C. F. Underhill and wife left on Wednesday last for Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Clyde Lee left on Monday for Detroit where he expects to remain for some time.

Mrs. Sohn, who returned lately from the hospital in Saginaw, is reported very seriously ill.

Bert Wilcox wears a more smiling face since the large downfall of snow. Prospects are brighter for lumbering, that's sure.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sears, of Clio, were guests for several days during the past week at the home of E. S. Houghton and family.

The Frederic School bus left for Grayling Sunday at about 11:00 o'clock. With it went many people who were curious to see the snow trains from Detroit arrive and also to visit the winter carnival at the park. After an enjoyable day in spite of the cold, they arrived home hungry and tired.

Many were absent from school last week on account of the stormy weather. The bus was unable to travel its entire route as the plows had not been through to remove the snow.

We have started serving hot lunches to the out-of-town students, which seems to be very agreeable to all these cold days.

Louise Vollmer is manager and Miss Brooks prepares the menu.

The Home Economics girls do the preparing and serving under the supervision of Miss Brooks, the Home Ec. teacher. They also clear the table and clean the dishes, two different girls working each day.

The Home Economics girls are learning to cook from the ground up—mostly from the ground, preparing vegetables, etc., afterwards washing the dishes, feeling very prim and neat in their aprons and headbands they made in sewing class.

The Public Speaking class under the supervision of Mr. Beach will report news for the school, each member having his or her turn according to alphabetical order of names. No salary mentioned but a good mark expected. Miss Helma Corsaut is news reporter for next week.

The Shop class have finished their drawing projects and at the beginning of this week we started in at woodwork. We have a new student this semester in shop. Edna Small became discouraged at picking her finger in Home Ec. so she is going to try her luck at sawing.

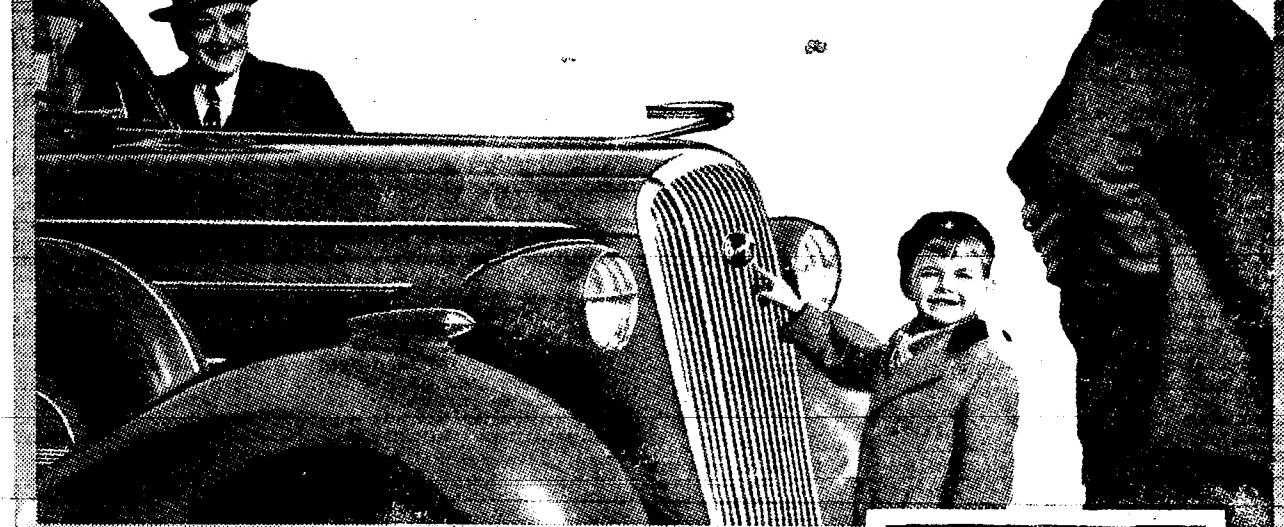
We all extend our greatest sympathy and expert advice to Clair Melroy. "Gossip" is getting him down.

Cats and Dogs

A cat has 80 teeth... a dog 42. The cat is immune to snake bites... the dog is not. The dog seeks comfort at the master's hand when troubled... the cat seeks seclusion. Authentic records show the oldest cat lived 30 years, their average being 10. The oldest dog lived 28 years, their average, 12 to 14, except bulldogs.

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Description of Land.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
County of Crawford.
Northeast fractional quarter Section Six, containing one hundred seventy-four and fifty-three hundredths acres more or less, Town Twenty-five North, Range Two West.

Amount paid \$18.87 taxes for 1927. Amount necessary to redeem \$42.34 plus the fees of the sheriff.

Signed, Marsh & Soderholm,

Place of business, Roscommon, Mich.

To Wm. Weis (owner), last grantee in the regular chain of title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county.

War With Spain Aided Hawaii

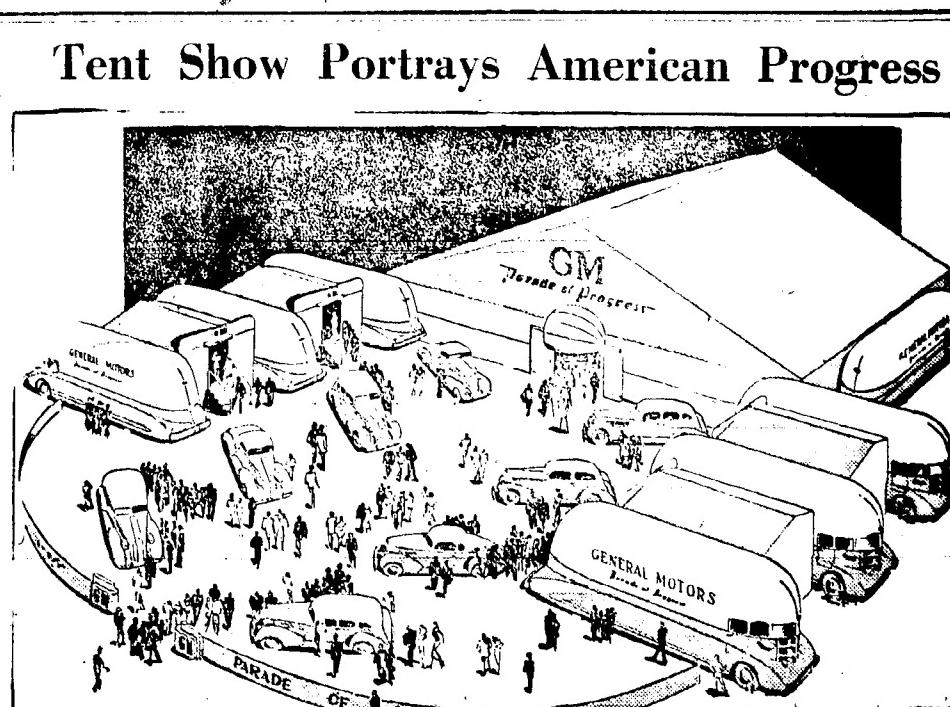
The United States' war with Spain in 1898 ended five years of prostration in negotiations between the Republic of Hawaii and Washington. From Manila bay a telegram was flashed by Commodore George Dewey, "Send troops." The long journey of transports from San Francisco to the Philippine Islands commenced. A rest point en route was vital. The Hawaiian Islands' long standing request for entry into the nation was swiftly consummated by joint resolution of congress.

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SUPPLEMENT Proceedings

JANUARY SESSION, 1936

Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, for the County of Crawford, commenced and held at the Courthouse, in the City of Grayling, on Thursday the second day of January, A. D. 1936.

The Board was called to order by the Chairman, Frank E. Love.

Houll was called by Townships or which the following Supervisors responded:

Beaver Creek Township, Frank E. Love, Supervisor.

Frederic Township, George Horton, Supervisor.

Grayling Township, Fred Niederer, Supervisor.

Lovells Township, Edgar Caid, Supervisor.

Maple Forest Township, Alfred Hummel, Supervisor.

South Branch Township, Syney A. Dyer, Supervisor.

City of Grayling, Chris W. Olsen, Supervisor.

City of Grayling, Frank Sales, Supervisor.

Communications on file were read as follows: Michigan State Association of Supervisors; Clinton County Board of Supervisors; Secretary of State; Murray D. VanWagoner; V. E. Steinbaugh; St. Clair County Board of Supervisors; East Michigan Tourist Association and the Department of Conservation.

Moved by Dyer, and supported by Sales, that the several communications on file as read be placed in the hands of the Committee on Ways and Means. All members voting yea. The motion carried.

Dr. Ray Laughbaum, of the Childrens Fund of Michigan came before the Board and rendered a report of the activities of his department during the last year.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Your Committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the several communications beg to report that they have the same under consideration and dispose of them as follows: The communication from the State Association of Supervisors and the Clinton County Board of Supervisors were referred to the Board as a whole. We recommend that the appropriation to the East Michigan Tourist Association be paid.

We recommend that the purchase price of \$200.00 paid into the General Fund for the Lee man property at Frederic be transferred into the Poor Fund for further distribution by them, and that the amount paid out of the General Fund in this matter be returned to the General Fund of the County.

We go on record in favor of

the changing of the names of the Alexander Lakes and that the Clerk take care of same.

The remaining communications be placed on file.

Signed:

Edgar Caid, Chairman;
Fred Niederer,
Alfred Hummel,
Frank Sales,
Committee on Ways and Means.

Moved by Sales, no supported by Dyer, that the report of the Committee on Ways and Means be accepted. All members voting yea. The motion carried. Resolution as offered by Supervisor Sales:

Resolved: That the Chairman be reserved the privilege of appointment of two delegates members to attend the annual meeting of the State Association of Supervisors to be held at Lansing, Michigan on January 20th, 1936, expenses not to exceed \$10.00 be provided as travel expense for each of such delegates. Further that such expense be paid from the general fund of the County, by the Clerk and the Treasurer on submission of accounts therefor.

Moved by Horton, and supported by Dyer, that the above resolution be accepted and adopted. Yeas: Sales, Horton, Love, Niederer, Hummel, Dyer and Olsen. Nays: Caid. The motion carried.

Chairman Love appointed Supervisors S. A. Dyer and Chris W. Olsen as delegates.

Afternoon Session.

Charles B. Allen of the Potter Manufacturing Corporation of Chicago, Illinois, came before the Board in regards to a fire escape for the County Infirmary.

Moved by Olsen, and supported by Caid, that in compliance with Act 111, of the P. A. of 1935 that we purchase one fire escape from the Potter Manufacturing Corporation of Chicago, Illinois at the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00). That the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00)

be paid after installation and approved by the State Fire Marshal. The balance of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) to be paid in twelve equal installments with no interest after date of approval and that the Chairman and the Clerk of this Board be and are hereby authorized to sign notes in behalf of the County. Also that the Clerk and the Treasurer be and are hereby authorized to issue warrants in payment of the interest when due. Yeas and nay vote called. Yeas: Horton, Love, Niederer, Hummel, Dyer and Sales. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Daisy Barnett came before the Board in regards to inmates at the infirmary.

Moved by Hummel supported by Olsen, that we adjourn until nine o'clock in the forenoon, Friday the third day of January, report and do recommend that

A. D. 1936. All members voting yeas. The motion carried.

Axel M. Peterson, Clerk.

Frank E. Love, Chairman.

Friday Session, January 3rd, 1936

Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, for the County of Crawford, continued and held at the Court house, in the City of Grayling, on Friday the third day of January, A. D. 1936.

The Board was called to order by the Chairman, Frank E. Love. Houll caused. All members answering present.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Moved by Sales, and supported by Caid, that the Bills on file be placed in the hands of the Committee on Claims and Accounts. All members voting yea. The motion carried.

Moved by Dyer, and supported by Sales, that the above resolution be accepted and adopted. Yeas: Sales, Horton, Love, Niederer, Hummel, Dyer and Sales. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Moved by Horton, and supported by Dyer, that the notes due the Grayling State Savings Bank in the amount of \$1,000.00 and \$3,500.00 be renewed for three months when due and that the Chairman and the Clerk of this Board be and are hereby authorized to sign new notes in behalf of the County. Also that the Clerk and the Treasurer be and are hereby authorized to issue warrants in payment of the interest when due. Yeas and nay vote called. Yeas: Horton, Love, Niederer, Hummel, Dyer, Sales. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Moved by Sales, and supported by Dyer, that we adjourn until nine o'clock Saturday, the fourth day of January, A. D. 1936.

The Board was called to order by the Chairman, Frank E. Love.

Roll called: All members answering present.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Moved by Sales, and supported by Caid, that the Bills on file be placed in the hands of the Committee on Claims and Accounts. All members voting yea. The motion carried.

Moved by Dyer, and supported by Sales, that the above resolution be accepted and adopted. Yeas: Sales, Horton, Love, Niederer, Hummel, Dyer and Sales. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Moved by Caid, that in regards to inmates at the infirmary.

Moved by Hummel supported by Olsen, that we adjourn until nine o'clock in the forenoon, Friday the third day of January, report and do recommend that

the several amounts scheduled therein be allowed, also that the Clerk and the Treasurer be and are hereby authorized to issue warrants in payment of same as soon as money is available.

All members voting yea. The motion carried.

Resolution as offered by Supervisor Olsen.

Resolved: That whereas the Board of County Road Commis-

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EMTA PHOTO
Second annual winter carnival Queen Agnes Walchak, petite nineteen-year old blonde atop her court in one of the great banks of snow that surround the huge Alpena skating rink.

CARNIVAL ATTENDANCE BREAKS ALL RECORDS

(Continued from first page)

in its second day. Each day has had a full program of outdoor exercising. I believe you are in good condition for the ordeal now ahead of you. In short, I know you can take it.

Before leaving my home and fireside for this beautiful north country today there was much discussion with my wife over the preparations to be made. You would have thought that I was to embark on another Byrd expedition to the South Pole by the suggestions offered me on how to keep warm. At last we compromised on a long-discarded pair of heavyies, two pairs of socks, and a long muffler. As an extra precaution and as entirely an original idea of my own making, I took the trouble to bring along a dash of nature's purest fermentation just for emergencies.

So, I assure you I have been prepared for the worst. Instead I find that I have the happy privilege of officiating at a coronation, the coronation of a winter beauty queen. That isn't my idea of hard work. I agree with the noted poet that "A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever."

Michigan is known far and wide as a state of beauty and particularly does this apply to this section of Michigan. And by beauty I do not limit the compliment to the scenery about us. Michigan is winning its share of national attention through the beauty of its beauty queens.

And so it is a genuine pleasure for me to return to Grayling to participate in these ceremonies. I want to congratulate the Grayling Winter Sports Association and the citizens of this section of the state for creating so worthy an institution as the winter sports carnival. This carnival is now in its eleventh year which is tribute enough to its success. I pledge you my support as state highway commissioner in perpetuating this institution and doing what I can to make it a continued success.

In coming from the capital city of politics and politicians to the capital city of winter sports I was particularly interested in your slogan for Grayling in winter time. You have characterized this community as the place "Where Everyone Plays and Stays Young." If you can't pack 'em in with a promise like that then something is wrong with human nature in Michigan.

My visits to Grayling have always been pleasant so that your secretary, Mr. Moore, had no particular difficulty in having me attend your carnival. All he had to do was to dangle the invitation in front of me.

I have seen your community at the height of the busy summer season when tourists and resort residents were here from all parts of the country enjoying your delightful climate. You have been successful in making this part of Michigan "The summer playground of the nation." And now at this season of the year with commendable enterprise and foresight you are rapidly achieving your goal of making Grayling "Michigan's winter sports capital."

The popularity of these carnivals is readily understandable to me. You have made all provisions for a person to come here and have a good time. You have complete facilities for enjoying skiing, ice skating, tobogganing, and all the other winter sports. And I find that your official program is packed full with entertainment on each of the three days of the carnival. Your association is deserving of high praise in arranging such an attractive carnival.

And now, I think I had better go ahead with the business and pleasure of crowning the charming Miss Virginia Skingley as the queen of your winter sports carnival.

I am informed that Miss Skingley is only 16 years old. I'm not afraid to mention the years because she's right at the age that most women would like to be.

The people of this community, Miss Skingley, have honored themselves in selecting you as their winter queen. At the same time you cannot overlook the great honor that has fallen to you even though it may be so rarely deserved.

When television comes, the broadcasting companies don't want to let their audience catch them announcing bologna watch them from a grandfather clock hanging on the studio wall.

Notice

Ex-service men are hereby notified that an office will be opened in the American Legion hall where applications may be filed for the bonds for adjusted service certificates. You must bring your discharge your adjusted service certificate and pink slip Form 1184-c or Form 1186-a. The hall will be open tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock and again on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

John Erkes, Commander, Grayling Post No. 108.

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IMPORTANCE OF GOOD HIGHWAYS

Murray D. VanWagoner, State Highway Commissioner, while in Grayling attending the winter carnival said:

"As I drove to your carnival today, I thought again, as I always do in returning to northern Michigan, of the vital importance of good highways in the development of this entire area. The value of your state highway department's snow-removal program to northern Michigan was once again impressed upon my mind. Not so many years ago it would have been beyond the realm of possibility for visitors to drive any considerable distance in Michigan at this season of the year. Now, however, we have 8,807 miles of highways in the state on our snow-removal program. These roads are kept open for automobile and truck traffic throughout the winter season.

"I would be guilty of avoiding a very serious issue with you people up here if I made no mention of the recent effort of 49 counties of northern Michigan to obtain snow-removal funds for your local roads. Your state highway department went as far as it could in your behalf by advancing more than \$2,000,000 on your April highway refunds to assist you in taking care of this burden. We also closed the books on 1935 revenues and turned over \$1,600,000 to the counties. This policy by your state highway department in meeting our obligations to the counties when they are due has aided you materially in meeting your road burdens.

"I know your problem is serious and am fully in sympathy with your request. I also know that you want something more than sympathy. Your state highway department is now engaged in a comprehensive highway planning survey of Michigan.

One of the phases of this survey is a fiscal study. We expect this study to yield some very definite information on your problem and that the department will have a legislative snow-removal program.

"There is no reason for instance that I can see why a portion of the sales tax levied on gasoline could not be used to help you plow your roads. Taxes levied against motorists should be used for highway purposes and highway purposes only.

"I know of no place in this section of the country where there are so many attractions to draw summer visitors as in this area. Your summer climate is perfect and there are all of the other natural resources here to enable persons to enjoy a vacation. I am fully convinced that the tourist and resort industry has played a major part in Michigan's leadership in economic security and business recovery.

"The best criterion of Michigan's tourist trade is the volume of traffic crossing the Straits of Mackinac. It is also a good criterion of your tourist business here at Grayling. More than 143,000 passenger automobiles were carried across the Straits on the state-owned ferries in 1935, the greatest traffic on record between Michigan's two peninsulas.

"It is no secret that the highway system of Michigan is not yet a balanced system. Roads in some sections have been neglected. The northern part of the lower peninsula and a great deal of the Upper Peninsula have been in need of improved surfacing on many trunklines.

"One of the purposes of my administration has been a well-balanced state highway system. Michigan is a leading industrial state, the greatest automobile state in the Union. Our industrial roads cannot be neglected and must be improved. No one denies that fact. Michigan is also a leading agricultural state and farm-to-market roads are important. But Michigan is also an outstanding tourist state and the state highway commissioner who would neglect the highways to our resort areas is not worthy of your confidence.

"There has been no necessity for anyone to try to sell your present state highway administration on the value of Michigan's tourist business and the need for tourist highway development. The construction of shoreline routes, the improvement and building of new roads to our inland scenic spots, and adequate maintenance on existing trunklines to all our resort centers have been major objectives of your present state highway administration.

"You of Grayling have had visible evidence of this policy. You have seen a continuous development program on US-27, Michigan's great north and south tourist highway. Part of this improvement during my administration has been in this community. We have also improved other highways here and have expended nearly \$85,000 on new construction in this vicinity.

"We have just revealed the details of our next Federal Aid construction program beginning July 1. One of the major highlights of this program are two projects which will complete the hard-surfacing of US-27 from the state line on the south to the Straits of Mackinac on the north. I don't believe there is a single action your state highway department could take which would be of so much importance to you of this vicinity as this move.

"Mention should also be made of our plans to pave M-68 on the next program. This is of interest to you because it will provide a connecting link between US-21 on the west at Alpena and US-27 on the east.

"Michigan is now in an enviable position with respect to the progress it has made in its highway

way relief program made possible by President Roosevelt's broad public works program. The President approved our \$20,000,000 program first at a time when most states had not even started work on their plans. This program was launched last August and at the close of November, the latest date on which a comparative analysis was available, we were far ahead of any other state in the Union in getting our projects under way.

"This position was attained not through any accident. Most of you know that for the last 2½ years your state highway department has had virtually no funds for a purely state construction program. Three-fifths of our revenues are returned directly to the counties under existing laws. I shouldn't complain too much about this factor, however, as I share the responsibility for a portion of the funds turned back to the counties. Two years ago I recommended a 36 per cent reduction in the automobile weight tax and the legislature concurred. The legislature, however, directed that half of the computed loss in revenues be taken out of highway revenues.

"In addition to the returns to the counties there are other statutory, contractual, and maintenance obligations that have reduced our balance for construction, right-of-way, betterments, overhead, and so forth to less than \$3,000,000 a year. Faced with this situation, it became necessary for your state highway commissioner to knock continuously upon Washington's door for construction money for Michigan.

"While we have demanded at Washington that Michigan receive its share of road construction funds, we have been very zealous in protecting state money. There has been a lot of talk about balancing budgets and changing red figures to black ones. Well, let me tell you that today the cash position of your state highway department is more than a million dollars in excess of that bequeathed to my administration. At the same time our accounts payable have been reduced from more than ten million dollars to less than \$150,000. If some of our public officials can boast of black figures I guess the state highway department can claim it is writing its fiscal picture in India ink.

"No reference to our highway tourist program is complete without the mention of our efforts to effect a long-term solution of the dust problem. Nothing is more apt to dampen a tourist's enthusiasm than a dusty gravel road. Of course we apply calcium chloride and other palliatives to keep the dust down but this is a process that must be repeated.

"In view of the absence of sufficient funds to surface all our gravel roads, this procedure, though temporary, has been our best expedient.

"Through the cooperation of the works progress administration, however, we have been able to launch a program of surfacing a number of gravel trunklines with an oil aggregate surface. This type of road can be built at a much lower cost than concrete and the cost of maintenance is \$400 to \$500 cheaper than gravel. More than 200 miles of gravel trunklines are on our WPA program to be surfaced with this dust proof, oil aggregate surface.

"I have made some mention of our highway planning survey now in progress. I have also noted that too often our highways have not been constructed under a definite improvement plan. This has resulted in serious inequalities and a failure to meet traffic needs throughout the state.

"This survey, long overdue for the benefits that it will yield in drafting a long-term highway improvement program, is divided into three phases. I have previously mentioned the fiscal study.

"The other two phases are the physical inventory of the 85,000 miles of Federal, state, county, and township roads in the state; and a traffic count study at approximately 4,000 contemplated stations throughout Michigan.

"We believe this entire study will yield information that will serve as a guide to local and state highway policies for the next fifteen or twenty years. But the survey is also important at this time when the entire nation is aroused over the tragedy of death upon our public highways.

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"Dr. Stanley Stealy returned Friday from a 12 days visit in Charlotte, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids. He brought back his nephews, Edward and Richard Stealy of Detroit, who have been attending the winter sports.

"Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Nelson enjoyed a visit over Sunday from Mr. Nelson's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nelson, another brother, William Nelson, and Harley Ashton of Mancelona.

"Miss Betty Welsh, of Saginaw, visited over the week end at her home, coming to attend the winter sports festivities Sunday, she had as her guest Ben Wright, publicity director of the Northeastern Development Bureau.

"Mrs. Harold Jarmin gave a beautifully appointed luncheon to her Contract club, Wednesday afternoon. Table decorations were carried out in blue and silver, which was most attractive. Mrs. Roy Milnes held high score.

"Miss Martha Sorenson was hostess Tuesday evening, to the G.G.S.C. The meeting was very informal and much enjoyed by the members. Names were exchanged and plans made for a Valentine party which will be held at the home of Miss Edna Mac Sorenson. A very nice lunch was served.

"Coming for the carnival week end and to visit at the home of their mother, Mrs. Edna Matson, were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Matson of Flint, Miss Janet, of Detroit, and Miss Elizabeth of Cadillac. Other guests were Miss Grace Porter, Clifton, N. J., Madison Crawford, Battle Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burdette, Flint.

"Festivities begin Thursday with the coronation of the queen and continue until the snow train has left the City Sunday evening.

"Hockey games, fancy and figure skating, dog sled races and a wealth of other activity will be

held. Michigan is now in an enviable position with respect to the progress it has made in its highway

Personals

James Bugby made a business trip to Pinconning yesterday.

Francis Heath left yesterday to visit his mother who is ill, at Higgins Lake.

Mrs. Calvin Church is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. U. Carpenter, in Detroit this week.

J. P. Lengfelder, of Detroit, with a party of friends, spent the carnival week end here.

Miss Agnes Hanson, of Clare, together with a friend, spent the carnival week end at her home.

Miss Shirley McNeven had as her guest for the carnival week end Robert Hurley, of Camp Molasses River, near Standish.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cornell, of Mancelona, enjoyed the carnival, visiting the former's brother, Willard Cornell and wife.

Wayne Mills, of Bellaire, PWA inspector of Antrim County, was in town Saturday visiting his father, F. J. Mills.

The results of the skating contests held during the Winter Sports Carnival will be published next week.

Miss Ann Hanson, of Lansing, visited at her home over the week end and attended the carnival festivities.

Ernest Olson, of Farmington, spent the week end here with relatives, coming to attend the festivities.

Mrs. Everett Desy is spending a few days at Mackinaw City visiting Mr. Desy's father, James Desy.

Miss Elizabeth Lynch, of Mt. Pleasant, was a guest of Miss Veronica Lovely over the week end.

Miss Jayne Keyport left Tuesday for Lansing, where she has accepted a temporary clerical position.

Emil Kraus, of Detroit, and son, Emil Jr., and Miss Genevieve Coombacher spent the week end at the Kraus home.

Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson enjoyed a visit from the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Nixon, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Laurent, of Cadillac.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Cohen and Augusta Walt, of Detroit, were snow train passengers Sunday, coming to attend the carnival.

Misses Margrethe and Olga Nelson had as their guests for the carnival week end Misses Sylvia and Helen Rendle, of Detroit.

Manning Catlin and a party of friends, of Bay City, visited friends here over the week end and attended the winter sports festivities.

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A temporary hospital annex has been thrown up in one end of a barracks to supplement the regular infirmary while it is being remodeled.

Logs are being peeled for a new educational building to be located behind the barracks on the west side of camp.

A pep meeting was held in the mess hall Tuesday night. Captain Bryant was the main speaker on the program. Others who spoke were Lieutenant Pearson, Lieutenant Gottlieb, and Mr. Buchen. Captain Bryant told the company that there would be similar meetings every Tuesday night. He also held a meeting for the Overhead and Leaders Assistant Leaders Monday night.

The pool tournament has narrowed down to the semi-finals. It will soon be over. I. Ingles is in the lead.

OUR GANG" MEETS

Thursday afternoon "Our Gang" sewing club was very nicely entertained by Mrs. Floyd Taylor with 17 members responding to roll call. After the usual business meeting, games were enjoyed. Prizes were given to Mrs. Edna McEvans, Mrs. Floyd Taylor, Mrs. Wilbur Broadbent, Mrs. Percy Budd, Mrs. Hurley Deckrow and Mrs. William Williams. The birthday cake for January was made by Mrs. Edna McEvans.

A very interesting poem was read by Mrs. Earl Broadbent entitled "Forget and Remember."

The committee for entertainment was selected and Mrs. Percy Budd and Mrs. Sidney Robarge will have charge. Guests of the club were: Mrs. Ben Pankow, Mrs. William